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In re Application of  
Yasuhiro SAKAI et al.  
Serial No.: 10/005,753  
Filed: October 29, 2001  
For: Method of Staining, and Detecting and Counting  
Bacteria, and a Diluent for Bacterial Stain

Examiner: F. C. Prats  
Group Art: 1651

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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2003. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the rejections in view of the present amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.